

# Guest Lecture: Volodymyr Kravchenko

Ukraine, Russia, and Western academia in times of war

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History matters today. The Russian full-scale aggression against Ukraine demonstrates not only the importance of history in the post-Soviet terrain. It also sheds light on questions of identity and brings into focus the meaning of “Russia,” “Ukraine,” and the Eastern perimeter of Europe, known under different names (“Eastern Europe,” “Soviet Union,” “Slavic/Rus world,” or “Eurasia” etc.) The lecture examines the production and dissemination of expert knowledge about Ukrainian and Russian histories in North American academia and what can be done to update it in the light of recent events.

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